

Gun Carriers Joint Light Tactical Vehicles (JLTVs). This amendment will push the current case above the MDE and total case value notification thresholds and thus requires notification of the entire case. The original FMS case, valued at \$43.73 million, included thirty-four (34) Heavy Gun Carriers JLTVs. Therefore, this notification is for a total of one hundred twenty-nine (129) M1278A1 Heavy Gun Carriers Joint Light Tactical Vehicles. Also included are VRC-104 radio kits; VRC-114 radio kits; baseline integration kits; basic issue items; Defense Advanced GPS Receivers (DAGRs); DAGR integration kits; network switch ports; exportable power kits; silent watch energy storages; power expansion kits; RF7800i intercom kits; combat bumper kits; winch kits; flat tow kits; run flat kits; spare tire kits; commander supply display units; improved turret drive systems; M1114 turret ring hatches; 2-year contractor spare parts package; technical assistance; total package fielding; technical publications/manuals; and other related elements of logistics and program support. The total estimated cost is \$104.0 million.

This proposed sale will support the foreign policy goals and national security objectives of the United States by improving the security of a NATO Ally that is a force for political stability and economic progress in Europe.

The proposed sale will improve Romania's capability to meet current and future threats by providing a credible force that is capable of deterring adversaries and enhance its participation in NATO operations. Romania will have no difficulty absorbing this equipment into its armed forces.

The proposed sale of this equipment and support will not alter the basic military balance in the region.

The principal contractors will be Oshkosh Corporation, Oshkosh, WI; and Oshkosh Defense, LLC, Oshkosh, WI. There are no known offset agreements proposed in connection with this potential sale.

Implementation of this sale will not require the assignment of any U.S. Government or contractor representatives to Romania.

There will be no adverse impact on U.S. defense readiness as a result of this proposed sale.

TRANSMITTAL NO. 23-06

Notice of Proposed Issuance of Letter of Offer Pursuant to Section 36(b)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act

Annex Item No. vii

(vii) Sensitivity of Technology:

1. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle (JLTV) program is a light tactical vehicle designed to replace the U.S. Military's aging High Mobility Multipurpose Wheeled Vehicle fleet. It was designed to close the existing gap in payload, performance, and protection to our adversaries during multi-domain operations. It has been an operationally optimal choice for the light tactical vehicle mission spectrum anywhere in the world. All JLTV mission variants include a strong balance of protection, maneuverability, speed, reliability, and combat support/combat service support capability that far surpasses any similar vehicle developed in its weight class today.

2. The JLTV is designed to be a system of systems. System of systems is a "set or arrangement of systems that results when independent and useful systems are integrated into a larger system that delivers unique capabilities. The Joint Light Tactical Vehicle allows material and equipment from authorized contractors or industrial facilities used by U.S. forces in tactical operations and managed by other Program Offices.

3. The JLTV has inherent armor built into the base vehicle. It is what the U.S. Government (USG) calls A-Kit armor. This A-Kit Inherent armor provides both opaque and transparent armor solutions to provide a 360-degree azimuthal (i.e., all around) to include an elevated fire level of protection from a spectrum of kinetic energy/small arms fire threats with survivability enhancements to include Automatic Fire Extinguishing Protection (AFES) and structural rollover protection of 150% of the vehicle Ground Vehicle Weight Rating (GVWR).

4. The highest level of classification of defense articles, components, and services included in this potential sale is SECRET.

5. If a technologically advanced adversary were to obtain knowledge of the hardware and software elements, the information could be used to develop countermeasures or equivalent systems which might reduce system effectiveness or be used in the development of a system with similar or advanced capabilities.

6. A determination has been made that the Government of Romania can provide substantially the same degree of protection for the sensitive technology being released as the U.S. Government. This sale is necessary in furtherance of the U.S. foreign policy and national security objectives outlined in the Policy Justification.

7. All defense articles and services listed in this transmittal are authorized for release and export to the Government of Romania.

ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

REMEMBERING ELAN GANELES

• Mr. BLUMENTHAL. Mr. President, I rise today with a heavy heart to pay tribute to Elan Ganeles, a beloved son, brother, and friend to so many. Tragically, Elan was killed in Israel on February 27, at the age of 26.

Raised in West Hartford, Elan was one of Connecticut's own, a remarkable young man with unlimited potential. He was visiting Israel last month to attend a friend's wedding, when he was senselessly murdered by a gunman outside of Jericho, a beautiful life cut tragically short by violence and hate.

Born in the Bronx, NY, Elan moved with his family as an infant to West Hartford, CT, where he spent most of his young life. The Ganeles family are members of the Young Israel of West Hartford, and Elan attended the Hebrew High School of New England, where he graduated in 2014.

After graduating high school, Elan spent several years in Israel as a kibbutz volunteer and a member of the Israeli Defense Forces—IDF—working as a computer programmer. Following 3 years of IDF service, Elan returned to the United States to attend Columbia University where he was an admired member of the campus community. He graduated in 2022 with a double major in sustainable development and neuroscience and behavior.

At Columbia, Elan was very active in the Jewish community on campus. He participated in the First Year Leadership Fellowship and was involved in the TAMID Consulting Group, the Wednesday Night Learning Program, and Yavneh, the Orthodox student

community on campus. Elan was also a dean's list student and a valued friend to all who knew him. His former roommate described him as the "best friend you could ask for."

Indeed, Elan's zeal for friendship—his gift for relating and loving—may be his enduring legacy. He touched so many lives in such meaningful ways. He will be remembered by countless friends, deeply impressive for their diversity as well as number. Elan would do anything for others. His huge capacity for kindness and generosity created lasting gratitude.

Elan is recalled as a deeply intelligent and intellectually curious person, relishing time with family. Elan's mother, Dr. Carolyn Ganeles, remembers her son's never-ending inquisitiveness. His father, Dr. Andrew Ganeles, speaks of Elan's strong sense of independence and the exciting lifetime ahead.

Recently, I met with Elan's grieving family and friends sitting Shiva at the Ganeles' home in West Hartford. I heard firsthand about this amazing young man, and I am heartbroken for his family and their tragic loss—indeed, for all who might have known him. May Elan's memory be a blessing.

My wife Cynthia and I extend our deepest sympathies to Elan's family during this difficult time, particularly to his parents Andrew and Carolyn, and his brothers Simon and Gabriel. I hope my colleagues will join me in honoring Elan's life and legacy, both large and lasting.●

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

ENROLLED BILL SIGNED

At 10:05 a.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Alli, one of its reading clerks, announced that the Speaker has signed the following enrolled bill:

S. 619. An act to require the Director of National Intelligence to declassify information relating to the origin of COVID-19, and for other purposes.

The enrolled bill was subsequently signed by the President pro tempore (Mrs. MURRAY).

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bills were read the first time:

H.R. 502. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to ensure that the Secretary of Veterans Affairs repays members of the Armed Forces for certain contributions made by such members towards Post-9/11 Educational Assistance, and for other purposes.

H.R. 815. An act to amend title 38, United States Code, to make certain improvements relating to the eligibility of veterans to receive reimbursement for emergency treatment furnished through the Veterans Community Care program, and for other purposes.

S. 870. A bill to amend the Federal Fire Prevention and Control Act of 1974 to authorize appropriations for the United States Fire Administration and firefighter assistance grant programs.